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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
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CHINA'S VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST: PEKING'S REACTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN PREDICTABLY LOW KEY. THE ONLY PUBLIC CHINESE COMMENTARY SO FAR HAS BEEN A NEWS RELEASE A WEEK AGO THAT SKETCHED THE BACKGROUND OF YOUR LATEST EFFORTS BUT PROVIDED FEW DETAILS. THE REPORT DEVOTED AS MUCH ATTENTION TO MOSCOW'S ATTEMPTS "TO CONTINUE ITS EXPANSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST" AND "SELL OUT" THE ARABS AS IT DID TO THE CURRENT U.S. MEDIATION EFFORT. THE IMPLICATION THAT THE U.S. HAS MAINTAINED THE INITIATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, "BY BRUSHING THE SOVIET UNION ASIDE," CAN BE VIEWED AS AN OBLIQUE STAMP OF APPROVAL. THE OFFICIAL LINE FROM PEKING IS LIKELY TO REMAIN CIRCUMSPECT. THE CHINESE SEEM UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE DEPTH OF MILITANT ARAB OPPOSITION TO A SECOND STAGE SINAI DISENGAGEMENT. FROM PEKING'S POINT OF VIEW, MORE VISIBLE SIGNS OF SUPPORT FOR AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT WOULD RUN THE RISK OF UNDERCUTTING CHINA'S EFFORT TO COURT THE ARAB MILITANTS.

SOVIET ROLE OF AIRBORNE TROOPS QUESTIONED: AN INTERNAL SOVIET MILITARY DEBATE ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF SOVIET AIRBORNE TROOPS MAY HAVE SURFACED RECENTLY IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON NATO AIRBORNE CAPABILITIES IN RED STAR. COLONEL BELOV,

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